



Agenda Item No. \_\_\_\_\_

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# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** July 26, 2011

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Chief's Staff, Police Department

**SUBJECT:** Donation For Graffiti Tracker Program

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council appropriate \$4,414 in the Fiscal Year 2012 Police Department from General Fund reserves generated from a donation received from Allied Waste in Fiscal Year 2011 for the Graffiti Tracker Program.

### DISCUSSION:

Graffiti has been and continues to be a problem in our community. In Fiscal Year 2011, the Police Department received a donation from Allied Waste in November 2010 for the Graffiti Tracker Program (Program). The Program allows police officers to use cameras in order to photograph graffiti throughout the City. The camera records the graffiti location using GPS coordinates, which are then uploaded into a database system that allows the graffiti to be analyzed. When an arrest is made for a graffiti-related crime, the system assists in locating similar graffiti throughout the City. The Program enables the Police Department to charge a defendant with multiple cases of vandalism based on graffiti program analysis. The Program results in an enhanced level of investigation, prosecution and restitution for victims of graffiti related crime. The Police Department pays an annual subscription of \$3,000 to participate in the Program.

The donation funds received in Fiscal Year 2011 were not appropriated and therefore will fall into reserves with the close of that fiscal year. The appropriation of these funds in Fiscal Year 2012 from reserves will allow for the use of these donated funds as intended.

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